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A detailed report of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for the period of 10 to 17 June 1951 follows.

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1. Pol Dasht

15 June

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, one car-
load of iron, two trucks (sic) full of coal, and
~~two~~ two artillery pieces.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 43 carloads of kerosene, one car loaded with five motors, two carloads of lumber, one carload of boxes of ammunition, 32 closed cars, and 15 passenger cars.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan:
Three trains composed of 19 cars carrying 19
trucks, eight carloads of lumber, one carload of
coal, one carload of poles, one car loaded with
agricultural machinery, 42 closed cars, 15 passenger
cars, one car loaded with a gun, one carload of
lime, and one carload of tractors.

16 June

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
• Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, six car-loads of lumber, two cars loaded with three trucks and two autos, four tank cars, two cars loaded with six motors, and 24 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, one car-
load of iron, and ten boxcars.

westbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Nakhichevan:
Two trains composed of 15 passenger cars, two tank

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cars, two carloads of lumber, one carload of tractors, 30 boxcars, and five cars loaded with four trucks.

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa:
Two trains composed of 11 passenger cars.

Direction unstated; One train of unknown make-up.

17 June

Westbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Yerevan:
Two trains composed of seven carloads of lumber, three carloads of stone, one carload of ammunition, one car containing seven containers, 25 closed cars and 15 passenger cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Yerevan to Nakhichevan:
Three trains composed of six coal cars, five carloads of sand, four tank cars, one carload of ammunition, 54 closed cars, 15 passenger cars, one car carrying two autos, one truck loaded on a car, and six carloads of lumber.

Westbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan:
One train composed of six carloads of planks, two carloads of coal, two carloads of tractors, and 31 closed cars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa:
Two trains composed of two cars loaded with two buses, one car loaded with trucks, three carloads of timber, two cars containing armed troops, 19 closed cars, and 15 passenger cars.

2. Dzhusfa

14 June

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Nakhichevan:
One train composed of 18 boxcars, five tank cars, and 13 gondolas among which were observed four autos and one barrel of kerosene.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Ordubad:
One train composed of 75 boxcars, six tank cars, and an unstated number of gondolas containing coal.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Ordubad: One locomotive pulling a gondola containing cartridge boxes and two soldiers.

night

Direction unstated. Four trains of unknown make-up.

Two passenger trains departed from Dzhusfa according to schedule (schedule not given).*

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhusfa to Nakhichevan: Thirty-one trucks, one jeep and a truck-drawn 105 mm gun.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhusfa to Ordubad: Thirty-one trucks and one jeep carrying 79 soldiers.

About 250 Soviet soldiers engaged in combat exercises at Dzhusfa.

15 June

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhusfa: Two trains composed of 44 boxcars, 24 gondolas loaded with lumber, and two cars loaded with two autos.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhusfa to Ordubad: One train composed of 34 boxcars, six gondolas, and nine tank cars.

Dzhulfa continued-

Two passenger trains made their scheduled run
(schedule not given).

night Direction unstated: Four trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to
Ordubad: Thirty-seven trucks carrying 63 soldiers;
four jeeps and two autos.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to
Nakhichevan: Twenty-nine trucks carrying 51
soldiers; two autos and one jeep.

16 June Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to
Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 56 boxcars,
nine carloads of coal, seven carloads of autos,
and four carloads of kerosene.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to
Ordubad: One train composed of 43 boxcars, one
gondola, and four tank cars.

Two passenger trains made their scheduled run
(schedule not given).

night Direction unstated: Three trains of unknown make-up.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa to
Ordubad: Forty-one trucks carrying 62 soldiers;
one auto and one jeep.

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to
Nakhichevan: One truck carrying 61 soldiers; one
auto, and two jeeps.

About 200 Soviet soldiers received combat training
north of Dzhulfa.

17 June Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to
Nakhichevan: Two trains composed of 37 boxcars,
18 gondolas, three cars loaded with autos, and
one tank car.

Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
One train composed of 36 boxcars, and ten gondolas
containing lumber and wood.

night Direction unstated: Four trains of unknown make-up.

Two passenger trains made their scheduled runs
(schedule not given).

Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa to
Nakhichevan: Twenty-three trucks carrying 45
soldiers; one auto, four jeeps, and one motor-
cycle.

Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan to Dzhulfa:
Thirty-one trucks carrying 103 soldiers; five autos,
three jeeps, and one motorcycle.

3. Sia hud

18 June Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains
composed of 36 boxcars, and 33 gondolas carrying
three autos, 30 motors, and two boats.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train
composed of 14 passenger cars.

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In front of Mourouz border post (not located) 18 green, white, and red rockets were fired.

16 June

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 15 passenger cars, 40 boxcars, and 31 gondolas among which were observed four autos, one truck, three motors, and four tractors.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 13 passenger cars, 34 boxcars, two tank cars, and 14 empty gondolas.

Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa: One locomotive pulling a gondola containing one truck.

17 June

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 23 boxcars, one tank car, four gondolas loaded with planks, 15 cars loaded with agricultural equipment, and 25 gondolas containing two autos, one truck, iron scraps, sand, lumber, and gravel.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Two trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 33 boxcars, one tank car, and 12 gondolas.

4. Khuda Afarin

15 June

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Four trains composed of 61 boxcars, 24 empty gondolas, one tank car, six gondolas loaded with machines and iron rods, 21 gondolas loaded with wood, poles, and coal, and 15 passenger cars.

Two medium-sized armored cars arrived at Khomarlu border post.

16 June

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Two trains composed of 28 boxcars, one tank car, and two gondolas containing two motors, wood, poles, iron rods, and coal.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars, 14 boxcars, 20 gondolas containing one auto, wood, and poles, 14 tank cars, and 17 empty cars.

Two jeeps and three trucks arrived from Shakur Baglu (not located) and approached to a point within one kilometer of the Daridaq border post and after inspections were carried out returned to Shakur Baglu.

17 June

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa: Three trains composed of 36 boxcars, six tank cars, 22 gondolas loaded with planks, barrels, and coal, and two cars containing motors.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku: One train composed of 15 passenger cars.

5. Namin

14 June

Eight trucks with unidentified contents moved from the Kalkhor post (not located) towards Gaduk. Two empty trucks and two trucks carrying wood moved from Gaduk to Onstounok.

approximately
15 June

Iranian border guards destroyed and removed all obstacles set up by the Soviets for the purposes of territorial violation in the area of Alikeran.

(38-45N, 48-05E). Iranian military units were placed on the heights of the area to prevent new attempts at placing of obstacles on the part of the Soviets.

6. Astara

24 June

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Three jeeps, one auto, and ten trucks.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Three jeeps, one auto, and four trucks with unidentified contents, several civilians, and two groups of armed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One jeep, one motorcycle, and one cart carrying two officers, two sergeants, one armed soldier, and fire wood; one officer and one sergeant on horseback.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Two jeeps, one motorcycle, and two trucks carrying eight officers and 13 armed soldiers; two officers riding bicycles.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One jeep, one truck, and two carts carrying four unarmed soldiers, and several male and female civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: One jeep, one tractor, and two trucks carrying eight unarmed soldiers, two civilians, and unidentified loads; one soldier and one officer on horseback.

Four rockets were fired at Maidar Mahalleh. Searchlights were turned on 11 times during the night.

15 June

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Three jeeps, and 14 trucks carrying unknown loads and several armed soldiers; one group of armed soldiers on foot, two trucks full of soldiers.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Two trucks carrying several civilians.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One truck with unknown contents, five officers, eight sergeants, and eight armed soldiers; one sergeant riding a bicycle.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: Two motorcycles carrying two officers; one sergeant and five soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Two trucks, one cart, and one jeep carrying several women, three soldiers, four male civilians; five officers riding horses.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Three trucks and three carts carrying four officers, five soldiers, 15 civilians and unidentified loads; one truck full of armed soldiers; one sergeant riding a bicycle.

1500-1600 hours Target practice was engaged in by the Kenyar Barya garrison.

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Sixty-three white rockets were fired in succession. Searchlights were turned on about 15 times during the night.

16 June

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Eleven covered trucks; one truck full of unarmed soldiers; one group of soldiers on foot.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Six covered trucks; one group of armed soldiers on foot.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: One motorcycle, one truck, and two carts carrying lumber two meters long, two iron barrels, and unidentified loads; one sergeant, one soldier, and eight civilians.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One jeep and one truck carrying three officers and 12 armed soldiers.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: One jeep, two trucks, and two carts carrying six officers and nine armed soldiers; one cart full of male and female civilians; two officers on bicycles.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Three trucks carrying eight armed and five unarmed soldiers and seven civilians.

Seven soldiers bearing shovels and pick-axes passed from behind the school at Bagchen Sareh.

Three soldiers inspected the area surrounding Masjed Mahalleh with field glasses.

Approximately 30 rockets were fired in front of the Qhaleh border post.

2330 hours

A red rocket was fired from the vicinity of the seashore.

Searchlights were turned on eight times at intervals during the night and were shone on the Lenkoran road.

No more tents have been set up by the Soviets in the Zardali area. In general, activities in this area have diminished.

17 June

Two autos, four jeeps, and nine closed trucks moved from the Lenkoran highway to Astara.

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara: Four jeeps and nine trucks.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran: Four jeeps and three trucks carrying a few soldiers and a few civilians; one group of armed soldiers on foot.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed Mahalleh: Two jeeps, and two trucks carrying 36 armed soldiers, three sergeants, and three officers; one truck full of sheep.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to Astara: One truck and one cart full of civilians, two trucks full of soldiers; three trucks carrying 35 soldiers.

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Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to the last post west: Three carts carrying ten armed soldiers; three trucks full of soldiers; one truck carrying seven civilians and three women.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west to Masjed Mahalleh: Two jeeps, one ambulance, and one cart carrying six officers, three armed sergeants, and three civilians, two armed sergeants on horseback.

1200-1500 hours Machine gun firing was heard along the coast.

Two white rockets and two red rockets were fired at Bagchen Darch and Qapchi Mahalleh.

Searchlights were turned on seven times during the night.

7. Pahlevi

15 June

The Soviet vessel Irtysk, capacity 600 tons, arrived at Pahlevi with a cargo of 511 tons of sugar and a crew of 23 but without any passengers.

1000 hours

The vessel Fort Pahlevi, capacity 550 tons, sailed for the USSR with four passengers, 24 tons of frozen fish, and a crew of 19.

16 June 1800 hours

The Soviet vessel Irtysk departed for the USSR with a cargo of 486 tons of rice, dates, and raisins.

17 June 0950 hours

The Soviet vessel Pioner, capacity 500 tons, arrived with nine passengers on board, 205 kilos of movie films, and a crew of 27.

1900 hours

The vessel Pioner departed for the USSR with nine passengers, two children, and 132 tons of cotton.

The vessel Dunai arrived at Pahlevi with 577 tons of sugar, lump sugar, and galvanized iron sheets, and a crew of 22 men aboard.

8. Atrek

15 June

A jeep arrived at Baist Haji during the night. Immediately after its arrival, for about a half an hour, the lights of the city were put out and the inhabitants hailed something or someone by hurrahs and cheers.

9. Lutfabad

10 June

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Eight trains composed of 23 passenger cars, 127 tank cars, ten carloads of wood, three carloads of iron, and 73 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Six trains composed of 100 tank cars, 23 carloads of iron, and 42 boxcars.

night

Direction unstated: night trains of unknown make-up.

11 June

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Nine trains composed of 40 passenger cars, 85 tank cars, 13 carloads of iron, three carloads of jeeps, and 97 boxcars.

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Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Nine trains composed of seven passenger cars, 53 tank cars, 23 carloads of iron, 27 carloads of wood, one car loaded with six guns, and 25 boxcars.

night

Direction unstated: Four trains of unknown make-up.

June

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Four trains composed of 18 passenger cars, 68 tank cars, one car loaded with three jeeps, and 71 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Six trains composed of 143 tank cars, three carloads of iron, one car loaded with guns, and 86 boxcars.

night

Direction unstated: Eight trains of unknown make-up

14 June

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Eleven trains composed of 30 passenger cars, 186 tank cars, 24 carloads of iron, one car loaded with artillery, and 101 boxcars.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Nine trains composed of 135 tank cars, 240 boxcars, 25 passenger cars, four carloads of iron, and six cars loaded with five jeeps.

night

Direction unstated: Seven trains of unknown make-up

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Comment: The 1950 Soviet railway timetable lists the following passenger trains departing from Dzhulfa: Eastbound at 9:33 a.m., arriving in Ordubad at 10:39 a.m.; westbound at 6:30 a.m., arriving in Nakhichevan at 9:49 a.m.

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